

REMARKS

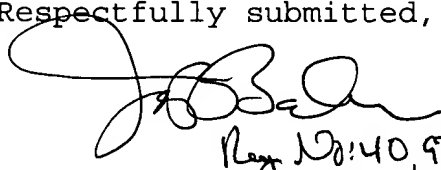
These remarks are in response to the Final Office Action mailed December 9, 2003. Applicants acknowledge the Examiner's indication that claims 26, 39-42, 34, 37-40 and 50 are allowable and that claims 44-46 would be allowable if rewritten to include the elements of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claim 43 has been canceled without prejudice to Applicants' right to prosecute the canceled subject matter in any divisional, continuation, continuation-in-part or other application. Claims 42 and 44-46 have been amended. Support for the amendment to claim 42 can be found in claims 44-46. Claims 44-46 have been amended to correct dependency from canceled claim 43. No new matter has been introduced. Applicants submit that all claims are allowable.

No fees are believed due. Please apply any other charges or credits to deposit account 06-1050.

Respectfully submitted,

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